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Title: Conducting Polymer for Electronic Devices

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

A Restriction Requirement for the above case was mailed on January 11, 2005 with a one month period to respond. Group I is directed to the electronic device and Group II is directed to the method of fabricating the electronic device. The Examiner asserts that Group I and Group II are distinct inventions.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants assert that the search and examination of all of the claims can be made without serious burden to the Examiner,

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therefore, the Examiner should examine all the claims on the merits even if the application includes claims to two independent or distinct inventions. *See* MPEP § 803.

In the event that the instant Restriction Requirement is maintained despite the above argument, the Applicants provisionally elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-5, 11-15, and 28-34) with traverse for the reasons presented above and respectfully request that upon the finding of allowability of Group I, the claims of Group II be rejoined as set forth at MPEP 821.04.

The Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority of this application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seek early allowance thereof. If for some reason the Examiner is unable to allow the claims in the next Office Action and believes that an interview would be helpful, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Date: Feb. 9, 2005

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